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Preliminary Amendment prior to Examination

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

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Disclosed are copolymers made of alkylene oxides and glycidyl ethers according to formula (I)

in which R^1 is hydrogen or a C_1 - C_4 -alkyl radical, R^2 and R^4 are an alkyl or aryl radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, and R^3 is an alkyl or aryl radical having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, which may also contain heteroatoms. A is an alkylene unit having 2 to 6 carbon atoms. In formula (1), x is a number from 0 to 10, y is a number from 0 to 10, n is a number from 0 to 100, k is a number from 1 to 100, C is an acid group or hydrogen, and m is a number from 1 to 500, with the proviso that (y+n) must be at least 1.